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SUBJECT: FAHMY TO VISIT LONDON

1. CAIRO MEDIA HAVE ANNOUNCED FONMIN FAHMY HAS ACCEPTED INVITATION TO PAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO UK. HUMHURIYYA DEC 15 ADDED THAT UK AMBASSADOR HAD TOLD FAHMY THAT HMG INTENDS TO GIVE 10,000 TONS OF WHEAT TO EGYPT " IN CONFORMITY WITH EC RESOLUTIONS".

2. COMMENT: WIDE PRESS COVERAGE GIVEN FAHMY'S ACCEPTANCE OF BRITISH INVITATION WOULD SEEM TO SIGNAL THAT GOE IS READY TO FORGET (THOUGH NOT FORGIVE) INCIDENT OF PRIME MINISTER WILSON'S REMARKS AT PARTY FOR MRS. MEIR (CAIRO 9884). WE WERE INTERESTED, HOWEVER, TO LEARN FROM GOE OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN THAT SADAT HAD REFUSED INTERVIEW TO DAVID HOLDEN OF SUNDAY TIMES, WHO DID FINALLY, AFTER SOME DIFFICULTY, OBTAIN INTERVIEW WITH FAHMY. FINANCIAL TIMES AND CANADIAN INDEPENDENT TELEVISION REPORTERS HAVE ALSO BEEN REFUSED INTERVIEW WITH SADAT AND WE UNDERSTAND THAT THERE WILL BE NO MORE INTERVIEWS GRANTED FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS FOR TWO OR THREE WEEKS. THIS MAY BE SIMPLY TO AVOID OVEREXPOSURE OF PRESIDENT OR MAY REFLECT DECISION NOT TO CONDUCT NEGOTIATIONS WITH ISRAEL THROUGH AMERICAN

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